

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARKS

CHUCK MUNZERT, CHAIRMAN

Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Baltimore County Recreation and Parks Board was held on Wednesday, March 18, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., at the Historic Courthouse – Room 118, Towson, Maryland. In attendance were Chuck Munzert, chairman; board members Isaac Manjoe, Leslie Monfred and John Hawks. Recreation and Parks department staff included Barry F. Williams, director and Bob Smith, chief, Recreation Services. Michael Ruby with the Country Chronicle was also in attendance.

Call to Order:

Chairman Chuck Munzert called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., and noted that there were not enough members in attendance to constitute a quorum.

Old Business:

Board members discussed background check compliance, in addition to, obtaining a list of volunteers for each program. They discussed holding the stakeholders responsible for enforcing this obligation, and discussed pulling permits, and decertification, for councils that are non-compliant. Board members further stated that the County Executive, County Council and County Administrative Officer are supportive of actions taken against non-compliant councils.

Isaac Manjoe inquired about whether the plan is still for maintenance to return to the Department. Director Barry F. Williams stated that he brings this up every chance he can. Discussion ensued regarding the number of maintenance employees that went over to Property Management, in comparison to the number that are there now. Brief discussion ensued regarding what maintenance employees would handle, and what would be contracted. Mr. Williams stated that he does not want to control all of Property Management, only Recreation and Parks. However, Mr. Williams said that he is not sure if this will be in the budget.

Regarding best practices, Mr. Munzert stated that he was aware that there were a few changes made to the document by Department staff. He stated that this does not need to be voted on by the Board; they have already reviewed the document. Mr. Munzert would like this to go out along with recertification. Board members discussed adding a line to the recertification paperwork, stating councils' receipt of the best practices information.

Lisa Winters reported that she has not received the requested documents from the Owings Mills Recreation Council. Although the letter [addressed to the council president] was sent to multiple addresses, Bob Smith stated that he would have staff ask the council president if he received this. If the council president states that he has not received the letter, staff will email this to him. Board members will wait and see what is said, before planning to attend the next council meeting.

Director's Comments:

Mr. Williams reminded the Board of the upcoming dinner with Board of Education, and encouraged them to think of discussion items.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Winters